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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the office action dated June 16, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response that expired on September 16, 2005, which is extended by three (3) months to expire on December 16, 2006 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. \$1.136(a), which expires on December 18, 2006 under 37 C.F.R. \$1.7, Applicant requests entry of the amendments and remarks made herein as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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